(Circular)

In committee of Congreſs, Morristown
June 19th. 1780.

Sir,

We inclose you a copy of General Washington's letter to us of this day.

We have in our former letters dwelt so forcibly on the several matters contained in the General's letter, that it is now become almost unneceſsary for us to say any thing more on them. But when we consider the season for operation wears fast away), the small force we have now in the field, being still fed in a scanty and uncertain manner, the hourly expectation of the fleet and Army of our ally, on our coast, and that the commander in chief, as well as ourselves, are as yet totally uninformed what are to be our expectations on the subjects of our former letters— Be aſsured, Sir, we feel an anxiety congenial with his. You will therefore, we are persuaded, pardon us for being thus solicitous, when we again intreat you, in the most earnest, in the most urgent manner, to use every exertion in your power to engage your State to a speedy & decisive compliance with our former requisitions. The two points we would wish to impreſs most forcibly on yours, and the minds of the legislature of your State, are, the immediately forwarding your quota of troops neceſsary to compleat your battalions in the Continental Army), and of supplies of provisions agreeable to the estimate inclosed you in our letter of the instant. At the same time we would not wish you to consider any part of our former requisitions, as become in the least degree unneceſsary; on the contrary, we are more strongly convinced, that they are already as small, as the important objects in view can possibly admit of. We only mention the two first,

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as the most immediately and indispensibly necessary. For re-inforced as the enemy now are, by the return of their troops from the reduction of Charles-town, we momently expect an attack will be made on our weak and almost resistless Army, - should this happen, whilst in this State, we seriously dread the result.

From the well known indefatigable attention of your State to the welfare of the united States; we cannot entertain a doubt of its exertions at this interesting conjuncture. And we most earnestly intreat you to give us the earliest information of the final determination of your State on the subjects of this, and our former letters.

We are
Sir
With the highest respect
Your most obedient servts

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Caeser Rodney Esqr.
Governor of the State
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Letter from
Committee of Congreſs
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